

REMARKS

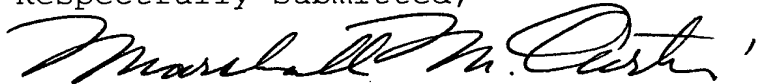
Claims 1 - 26 remain active in this application. No amendments are currently made and no new matter has been introduced into the application.

A response to the office action of April 22, 2005, was timely filed on July 22, 2005. In that response, it was indicated that the reasons for requiring a new declaration had not initially been understood and it was requested that the requirement be held in abeyance until such new declarations could be obtained. Accordingly, new declarations executed by the inventors are attached.

Early and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

If an extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0510 of International Business Machines Corporation (Yorktown).

Respectfully submitted,



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Declarations (2) of Juergen Klenk and Dieter Jaepel